

REMARKS

I. Status

Claims 3-36 and 39-78 are pending in this Application, of which claims 8-36, 44-72, 74, 75, 77, and 78 are withdrawn from consideration.

Claim 76 is objected to.

Claim 76 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101.

Claims 3-7, 39-43, and 73 are allowed.

Of the currently pending claims, claims 3, 39, and 76 are independent.

With this response claim 76 is amended. No new matter has been added.

II. Objection to Claim 76

The Office Action, stating that:

“[c]laim 76 (line 2) recites ‘a computer usable medium’, should be changed to --a computer readable medium--”
(see Office Action, p. 2),

objects to claim 76.

With this response, Applicants amend claim 76 in accordance with the Office Action’s suggestion.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn.

III. Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 101

The Office Action, stating that:

“... claim 76 merely manipulates data without producing a useful, concrete and tangible result.

In order to for the claimed product to produce a ‘useful, concrete and tangible’ result, claim 76 should be added the limitation ‘whereby the jaggedness on color image edges is reduced’ after limitation ‘fifth computer program code means for diffusing the hue angle difference’ ”
(see Office Action, p. 2 - p. 3),

rejects claim 76 under 35 U.S.C. 101.

With this response, Applicants amend claim 76 in accordance with the Office Action’s suggestion.

In view of at least the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that this Application is in condition for allowance for which action is earnestly solicited.

If a telephone conference would facilitate prosecution of this Application in any way, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided.

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V. Authorization

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4727.

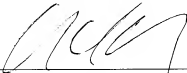
Furthermore, in the event that an extension of time is required, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to the above-noted Deposit Account and Order No.

Respectfully submitted,

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